



## **RESOLUTION**

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**URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CURRENTLY OPERATING AS THE "HONOLULU PROSECUTOR'S SAFE HOUSE."**

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") acquired a 20-unit neighborhood apartment complex in 2015 for approximately \$5,500,000 to create a "Family Justice Center" that was intended to provide a broad spectrum of services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual violence and their families, within one location; and

WHEREAS, the City remodeled the acquired apartment complex and in November 2016, opened it as the "Honolulu Family Justice Center" under the management of the City's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated March 23, 2017, the Family Justice Center Alliance expressed "profound concerns about the operation and policies of the existing Honolulu Family Justice Center" and urged the City's Prosecuting Attorney to reconsider its policies and procedures or remove the title "Family Justice Center" from its name; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Prosecuting Attorney Keith Kaneshiro changed the name of the facility from the "Honolulu Family Justice Center" to the "Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House" and declined to reconsider the manner in which this facility was being managed and operated; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated June 26, 2019, the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii Foundation informed the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City Administration, and City Council ("Council"), of "credible information about mismanagement, abuse, and constitutional violations that have taken place" at the Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House; and

WHEREAS, Acting Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Nadamoto has indicated that due to budget constraints, the "Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House" will officially shut down as of August 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration maintains a perpetual inventory of all real property interests, including all lands owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the City, including the property currently being utilized for the "Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House"; and



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WHEREAS, the City Administration currently has numerous projects that provide either temporary housing or permanent low-income rentals to persons and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless, including those who have been victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, projects such as "Beretania Hale" and "Hale Mauiola" are examples of developing assets under the direction and control of the City Administration; and

WHEREAS, "Hale Mauiola" is described as a low-barrier housing navigation service center administered under a contract granted by the City to the Institute for Human Services ("IHS"); and

WHEREAS, the intake process for residing at "Hale Mauiola" includes consideration by IHS of whether an individual is homeless due to issues related to domestic violence or physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that once the "Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House" has ceased operations, the City Administration should expeditiously convert this property into an asset development project similar to those projects that are already under its direction and control; and

WHEREAS, the Council also believes that in developing this asset, the City Administration should adhere to the original intent expressed in acquisition of this property: that it be used in perpetuity to provide transitional or permanent housing for low-income victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Mayor and his Administration to develop and implement a property management plan for the city-owned property currently operating as the "Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House"; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this property management plan should be focused specifically upon providing transitional or permanent housing for low-income victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Acting Prosecuting Attorney.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Tony Wata*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JUL 19 2019**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers